

Appl. No. 10/679,699  
Amdt. dated March 12, 2009  
Reply to Office Action mailed December 12, 2008

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

After entry of the above amendments, Claims 47-54 will be pending.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 47-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as lacking enablement.

First, it is the Examiner's position that the specification provides enablement for use of serum, plasma and blood in the claimed method, but does not provide enablement for use of any other biological samples. Applicant has amended the claims to limit them to use of serum, plasma or blood as the biological sample.

Second, it is the Examiner's position that the specification provides enablement for diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS), but not for monitoring of MS. Applicant has amended the claims to limit them to diagnosis of MS.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that these rejections should be withdrawn and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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